



Air Resources Board



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July 28, 2008

Dear Sir or Madam:

You are invited to a public meeting. The staff of the Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) will hold a public meeting to discuss issues related to the upcoming fuel comparison study of California (CARB) diesel and Federal Ultralow Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) fuels pursuant to Assembly Bill 679 (AB 679) (Stats. 2006, ch. 11).

California has had in place a diesel fuel regulation that promotes and mandates clean burning diesel within the State. Recently, Federal diesel fuel regulations have been modified to reduce sulfur levels to accommodate advanced diesel engines and aftertreatment systems. The Legislature passed AB 679 requiring ARB to convene a panel of interested parties to develop a test protocol to measure the differences in oxides of nitrogen and particulate matter emissions between CARB diesel and the United States Environmental Protection Agency's 2006 ultralow sulfur highway diesel fuel. It is anticipated that emissions tests performed during this study will define the benefits of CARB diesel fuel using a combination of chassis and engine dynamometer testing. As required by AB 679, this evaluation and its results will be submitted to the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality, the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing, and the Assembly Committee on Transportation.

Discussion topics will include, but are not limited to, the recently posted draft test plan, CARB and Federal diesel fuel properties, and emission test cycle selection. A proposed agenda is enclosed. For more information regarding the Diesel Fuel Comparison Study, you may want to visit the Diesel Fuel Program web page at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/diesel/diesel.htm>.

The time and place of the public meeting are shown below:

Date: Thursday, August 14, 2008
Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Location: California Environmental Protection Agency
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sierra Hearing Room
Sacramento, California 95814

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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If you have questions about the meeting or the proposed agenda, please call Mr. Floyd Vergara, Manager, Industrial Section at (916) 327-5986.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean C. Simeroth", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dean C. Simeroth, Chief
Criteria Pollutants Branch

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Floyd Vergara, Manager
Industrial Section

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Agenda

- I. Introductions
- II. Background
- III. Project schedule
- IV. Review of the draft test plan
- V. Diesel fuel properties
 - a. Federal ULSD
 - b. CARB ULSD
- VI. Selection of test engines and vehicles
- VII. Open discussion